

To: Ebbert, Laura[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov]
From: amber torres
Sent: Mon 3/6/2017 10:04:24 PM
Subject: Fw: Workplan Followup and Training Dates

Good Afternoon Laura, so I would like to see if we could set aside April 10, 2017 for the training. Also so you are aware, Cynthia Ocegueda will not longer be employed by the Walker River Paiute Tribe effective today, please do not have any further correspondence with her. Gina Wachsmuth will take these functions on temporarily. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at the office or my cell phone of 775-530-6276. Thank you.

On Monday, March 6, 2017 10:24 AM, "Ebbert, Laura" <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Amber,
Sorry for the delay, I needed information that was in Veronica's file and she was out of the office on Friday of last week.

On **September 20, 2016**, EPA returned the Tribe's FY17 GAP workplan to Cynthia in GAP Online. In that system, we had uploaded workplan comments and instructed Cynthia to make the changes noted. That communication went from Veronica to Cynthia directly. The two of them had an exchange on 9/21 that implies that Cynthia received the workplan comments.

I formally communicated the workplan changes that needed to be made to you in a message on **11/16/2017**. You would not have known prior to that date that there were outstanding issues to address in the workplan.

In the Grant Award document that officially conveyed funds to the Tribe (issued on **12/30/2016**), we memorialized the workplan extension – that document noted that the Tribe had until January 30, 2017 to provide a modified workplan that met with our approval (programmatic condition 'a').

I'm copying all 3 email strings here.

Regarding training, kid-duty schedules are a little difficult to arrange! For a training in San Francisco, we can accommodate that almost any time. For a training at Walker River, we could do the weeks of April 3 or April 10 most easily. Let me know if there are dates in there that work for the Tribe.

Cheers,

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Laura Ebbert

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Hi Laura,

The work plan extension is a programmatic condition in the attached award document. The prior extensions were given for the proposal, but this is the first correspondence regarding the extension of the final revised wp.

From: Chan, Renee
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2016 2:34 PM
To: Amber Torres <freebella123@yahoo.com>
Cc: Cynthia Ocegueda <cynthiaocegueda8@gmail.com>; kfrazier@wrpt.us; Swann, Veronica <Swann.Veronica@epa.gov>
Subject: Award Notification - WRPT - GAP - GA-99T54601-0 (Initial Award)

Hi Chairperson Torres –
Attached is your GAP award that allows pre-award cost back to 10/01/2016.

Please note that I will be re-issuing a revised award shortly to correct the due dates for the quarterly progress reports reflected in programmatic term and condition c). The dates should be October 30, January 30, April 30 and July 30. Sorry, I can only fix the condition after the award is emailed-out.

If you have any Finance or Accounting questions, please contact Marie Ortesi at Ortesi.Marie@epa.gov.

Thanks, Renee Chan

Notification of Award/Amendment

Enclosed is your Assistance Agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9. Please review the entire document, including all terms and conditions, which set forth your legal responsibilities to EPA.

Refer also to <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/tc.htm> for General Terms/Conditions applicable to this assistance agreement and attachment on information regarding new federal grant requirements (2 CFR, Parts 200 and 1500).

Further information is included under the Notice of Award section on page 1 of the award. Should you disagree with the terms and conditions or do not wish to accept EPA funding, your authorized representative must send a notice of disagreement to the EPA award official within 21 days of the award mailing date via Region 9's dedicated email in-box address, GrantsRegion9@epa.gov.

We suggest that you forward the award document and attachment on new requirements to your Project Manager, Financial Officer, and any other personnel in your organization requiring information about the award.

If you or your staff have any questions of a programmatic nature, please contact your EPA Project Officer. Questions relating to administrative or fiscal matters should be directed to your EPA Grants Specialist. Both contacts are shown on page 1 of the award. You may also access our Region 9 website for additional information to help you manage your grant at: <http://www.epa.gov/Region9/funding>

For information regarding payments and financial reports, please refer to the following website for the Las Vegas Finance Center: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/grants>

Thanks,
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The beginning of this string of emails is the beginning of the negotiation process and m comments are in GAP online.

Hi Cynthia,

For the water monitoring, I was under the impression that your contractor had already done a baseline sample. You can leave water monitoring in for baseline purposes only, please specify in the commitments you add to the water component that you are doing a baseline assessment. Thanks,

Veronica

From: Cynthia Ocegueda [<mailto:cynthiaocegueda8@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Swann, Veronica <Swann.Veronica@epa.gov>; Seter, David <Seter.David@epa.gov>; Ebbert, Laura <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Dante <Rodriguez.Dante@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Negotiate GAP Online Work Plan

Hello,

Please advise and give assistance or direction in regards to what I am doing that may be Superfund work and not GAP eligible, yet are also correlated since I am the responsible party for both.

The email I received this am both commitments were drop downs from the GAP online

which state work plan is baseline purpose only. I have a disconnect since during the August site visit we toured both the Walker Lake and Wabuska Drain area which have contamination present and need to be evaluated and assessed, hence the need to hire consultant who has the expertise and whom I supplied water samples to for testing.

To add to my comments, I discussed both of these items and need clear direction and communication because I have continued to do fieldwork with USGS, NDEP, BLM, and the Department of Agriculture doing air and water samples, land assessment to build the data base which presently is non existent for the Wabuska drain Anaconda OU7 for Walker River. I asked if this could be on the work plan for 2017.

At the site visit in August, we toured the property in question as well as Walker River which has contamination which may also be from the Geothermal spill hat took place in January. Walker River (me) happened to be notified by NDEP the end of April. At which time I notified EPA.

I have continued to have discussions in regards to the water quality which is from the Wabuska Drain and the 119 million gallons of spent geothermal water from their impoundment has still not been assessed. To add to the factual data released and shared, approximately 123 acre-feet (40.1 million gallons reached Wabuska Drain which flows to the Walker River. I have several pictures of this incident to validate my concerns.

I am not certain how the division of these issues from GAP to Superfund needs to be separated for my tasks so I would be happy to comply.

I will only be available this afternoon to complete tasks since we have Friday and Monday off. I do not know how to communicate clearer for how Superfund tasks should be divided from GAP when the GAP Online has the dropdown box to select baseline data which I have arranged partners to be included with our plans here at Walker River.

Prompt response is appreciated.

Thank you,

Cynthia Oceguela
Walker River Paiute Tribe
Environmental GAP Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: swann.veronica@epa.gov [mailto:swann.veronica@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:22 PM

To: cynthiao@wrpt.us

Cc: swann.veronica@epa.gov

Subject: Negotiate GAP Online Work Plan

This is an auto-generated message. Please do not reply to this message.

Regional Project Officer VSwann(Veronica Swann) has returned your work plan. Please review the Project Officer's comments within the work plan.

Comments from your Project Officer: Monitoring for Air and Water is not eligible. Please remove these. Please add commitments to your components.

This email asks them to go in and address the GAP online comments.

From: Swann, Veronica

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:24 PM

To: Cooper.Destinee <cooper.destinee@epa.gov>

Subject: Emailed Guidance Letter - Fiscal Year 2017 General Assistance Program Grant to the Walker River Paiute Tribe

From: Ebbert, Laura

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 3:01 PM

To: freebell123@yahoo.com

Cc: Cynthia Ocegueda <cynthiaocegueda8@gmail.com>; Swann, Veronica <Swann.Veronica@epa.gov>

Subject: Fiscal Year 2017 General Assistance Program Grant to the Walker River Paiute Tribe

Dear Chairperson Torres,

I am pleased to inform you that your proposal submitted to this office under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) has been tentatively approved for funding. At this time, I am setting aside \$73,685 of funding to support your GAP for one year. An additional \$2,915 has been tentatively set aside for a computer and internet equipment. The total tentative award for your GAP is \$76,600; your GAP application that was submitted into grants.gov on October 4, 2016 will be revised to reflect the approved amount of \$76,600.

The work plan provided by the Tribe in GAP Online needs further edits, and a revised budget reflecting the award amount of \$76,600 is needed. Work plan comments have been included in GAP Online. Please address the comments in GAP Online and attach a revised budget in GAP Online that reflects the revised amount of \$76,600. This funding will support work plan activities from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

I look forward to working with you and your staff under the General Assistance Program. Questions regarding the completion of the application forms as well as the mandatory use of grants.gov should be referred to Renee Chan at (415) 972-3675. You can also contact your GAP Project Officer, Veronica Swann at (415) 972-3699 if you have questions regarding this letter, the work plan or the General Assistance Program.

Please let me know what questions you have,

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